(Washington, D.C.) Congressman Tim Ryan (OH-17) released the following statement on the continued conflict between Israelis and Palestinians.

" Like many observers, I am very disappointed that Hamas chose to unilaterally end its six-month cease-fire agreement with Israel on December 19th. And while Israel has the right to defend itself against Hamas-fired missiles, all sides must acknowledge that the continued conflict in the Middle East between Israelis and Palestinians is a threat to world peace and security, making it harder for the United States to combat global terror. I strongly encourage Israel and the Palestinians to return to negotiations and bring this fight to an end. "